The opinion in support of the decision being entered today is <u>not</u> binding precedent of the Board.

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

IZUMU SAITO, YUMI KANEGAE and MICHIO NAKAI

Junior Party, Patent 5,700,470 MAILED

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AVENTIS PHARMA S.A.

Senior Party Application 08/397,225

Patent Interference No. 104,819 (CAS)

Before: SCHAFER, TORCZON and SPIEGEL, <u>Administrative Patent Judges</u>. SPIEGEL, <u>Administrative Patent Judge</u>.

JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.662(a)

"Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.662(a), the party Saito hereby abandons the contest as to Count 1 and claims 1-6 corresponding thereto" (Paper 15). Therefore, it is

ORDERED that judgment on priority as to Count 1 (Paper 1, p. 5), the sole count in the interference, is awarded against junior party IZUMU SAITO, YUMI KANEGAE

and MICHIO NAKAI;

FURTHER ORDERED that junior party IZUMU SAITO, YUMI KANEGAE and MICHIO NAKAI is not entitled to a patent containing claims 1-6 (corresponding to Count 1) of Saito U.S. Patent 5,700,470, issued December 23, 1997, based on application 08/615,048, filed March 12, 1996;

FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this paper shall be made of record in files of U.S. Patent 5,700,470 and U.S. application 08/397,225;

FURTHER ORDERED that if there is a settlement agreement which has not been filed, attention is directed to 35 U.S.C. § 135(c) and 37 CFR § 1.661; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the telephone conference call scheduled for May 8, 2002 is cancelled.

Administrative Patent Judge

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